

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 are pending herein. By this Amendment, the specification is amended and a new Abstract is added. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

#### **I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant confirms the election of Group I (product Claims 1-10, 21-29, and 37-45). Pursuant to MPEP 821.04, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of withdrawn method Claims 11-20, 30-36, and 46-52.

#### **II. FORMAL MATTERS**

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to as being too long. The current Abstract is deleted and a new Abstract is attached that complies with MPEP 608.01(b). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to as assertedly improperly using trademarks or tradenames. However, there are no trademarks or tradenames used in the specification. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

As requested by the Examiner, the specification has been amended to update the status of the disclosed patent applications.

#### **III. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS**

Claims 1-10, 21-29, and 35-45 [sic: 37-45] were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 9-40 of copending application no. 10/232,210.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-10, 21-29, and 35-45 of copending application no. 09/956,640.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 35-45 [sic: 37-45] were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-12, 23-31, and 39-48 of copending application no. 10/038,207.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of copending application no. 10/039,692.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 and 47-64 of copending application no. 09/956,639.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,724.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,350,709.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,455,449.

Claims 1–10, 21-29, and 37-45 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,239,046.

Applicant respectfully disagrees that the claims of the cited patent applications and patents teach or suggest the claimed automotive protective device and the claimed composite sealing and air holding laminating film. Moreover, Applicant respectfully notes that Claims 1-14 of copending application No. 10/039,692 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection over Claims 1-14 improper. Nevertheless to advance and expedite prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith rendering the double patenting rejections moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

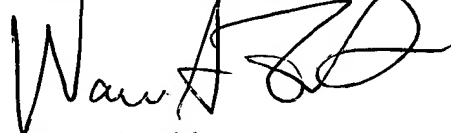
#### IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application.

Appln. No. 09/921,979  
AMENDMENT AND ACCOMPANYING TERMINAL DISCLAIMER  
Docket No. BRAD-108A

Enclosed is our check for \$55.00 for the disclaimer fee. If there are any discrepancies in the fees, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 501032 (Docket No. BRAD-108A).

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Attachments:

New Abstract of the Disclosure  
Terminal Disclaimer  
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